

Hundreds Attend Dedication of New First Lutheran Church Here Sunday



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In the presence of the congregation and a large number of visiting Lutherans and church officials, the new First Lutheran church was dedicated last Sunday at the corner of Acacia and Sonoma aves. The \$8,000 edifice, one of the most attractive in the city, is shown at the left connecting with the original church which will be turned into a Sunday school department and recreation hall.

In the center is the church choir in which the pastor's wife, Mrs. Edith L. Mechling takes especial interest. Left to right, top

row, are: C. W. Fuchs, Mrs. Mechling, Miss Alice Schulz, Mrs. Ruth Neal, Mrs. Cora Schwartz, Mrs. Geneva Nelson, Mrs. Norma Anderson and Edwin Friberg. Second row, left to right: John Schwartz, Richard Miller, Miss Ruth Kerber, Miss Frances Bortnem, Miss Anna Bay, Miss Leah Stratton, Miss Doris Schultz and Robert Schwartz.

At the right is the interior of the building, looking toward the dignified chancel and choir stalls. The console of the Hammond electric organ is at the right of the altar. At the dedication, this splendid instrument was played by Miss Elizabeth

Hunziker, a noted organist and daughter of the Lutheran pastor in Anaheim.

Rev. R. F. Kibler, San Diego, president of the California District, American Lutheran church, officiated at the dedication, assisted by Revs. R. D. Lechleitner, Los Angeles; C. F. Pohlmann, Ontario, and the resident pastor, Rev. Frank D. Mechling.

Built along Norman English lines, the church was designed by John F. Fleming, Glendale architect and builder, along ideas advanced by Rev. and Mrs. Mechling. The pews or altar paneling of Philippine mahogany was designed by the pastor and built

by E. A. Jones, who also constructed the high wainscoting in the chancel of the same wood.

The church has new pews with accommodations for 275. The connection between the parsonage at 1610 Acacia ave., and the church is at the left of the chancel and vestry and the link provides a study for the pastor. Choir rooms are at the right of the chancel and overflow worshippers can be accommodated in the old church where they can look into the new auditorium thru wide folding windows.

Judges Picking Jury Lists

Names of civic leaders in this community are among those being considered this week by the 50-odd judges of the Los Angeles superior court for possible service on the 1942 county grand jury.

Nearly 150 names will be on the list when it is made up by the judges and handed to Presiding Judge Walter Desmond early next month. Each judge is to submit the names of three persons whom he knows to be, in his opinion "qualified physically, mentally, morally and legally" for grand jury duty.

Residents who have served on the inquisitorial body within the last five years are not eligible, under the rules adopted by the judges. The list of nominees will be published early in December together with the name of the judge making each nomination.

During December, each judge will peruse the list of names and file any objections he may wish to any of the nominees made by any other judge, with a special committee of three judges. Any citizen may also furnish the committee information on any nominee.

P. T. A. COUNCIL MEETS

Gateway Council, P. T. A. met at Banning high school Monday morning, representing this district at the meeting Monday were Mrs. W. J. Schroeder, president of Gateway; Mesdames G. A. Carvill, H. G. Woods, Kenneth Schwartz, Florence Meng and W. F. Huppke, Narbonne high school; and Wm. Jolley, J. O. Bishop and Charles Woodcock, Torrance high school.

"SHIPPING DAY"

The day on which a young candidate for the U. S. Navy is officially accepted and sworn into service is known as "Shipping Day." It is the day he is sent off to one of our Navy Training Stations for his course in instruction and discipline. His parting gift is a booklet filled with useful information called "Helpful Hints to the Navy Recruit."

REALIZES LONG CHERISHED HOPE



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Dedication of the First Lutheran church here last Sunday was the realization of a long cherished hope of the pastor, Rev. Frank D. Mechling. The constantly growing congregation had out-spanned the original church and Rev. Mechling and his gracious wife had planned for years to build an edifice that would make a unit of the parsonage, a new church and a Sunday school and recreation hall.

The Mechlings came to Torrance Oct. 28, 1931, directly from Columbus, Ohio where Rev. Mechling served as pastor of the Lutheran church for 13 1/2 years. They were married at Franklin, Ohio on Nov. 28, 1911—and thus they will celebrate their 30th anniversary together three weeks from tomorrow.

Rev. Mechling was born near Columbus at Glenford, Ohio, and attended the school for the American Lutheran church at Capitol University in that state. He also did his seminary work on the same campus.

HOSPITAL ON HONOR LIST 12TH YEAR

Torrance Memorial hospital was included on the 1941 list of 2,873 approved hospitals in the U. S., Canada and a few other countries, it was announced Monday at the opening of the 24th annual hospital Standardization Conference of the American College of Surgeons. This was the 12th consecutive year that the local institution's facilities were pronounced top-grade.

In making the announcement, Dr. Irvin Abell of Louisville, chairman of the Board of Regents of the College, said:

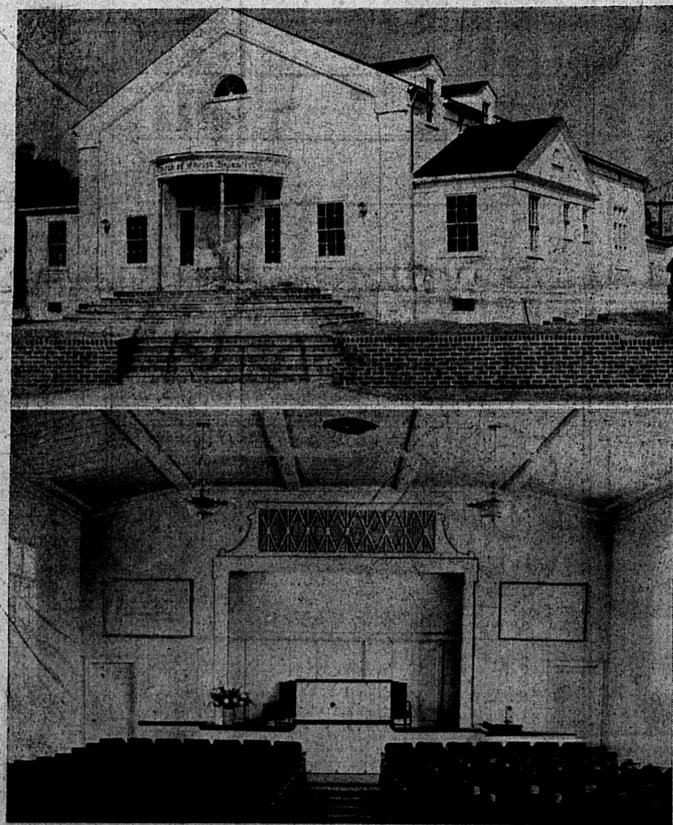
"Hospitals are more appreciated today than ever before, doubtless because the nation in mobilizing its resources for defense has recognized the fundamental value of a high average of health. Physical deficiency to an alarming extent has been brought to light in the examinations for selective service, which has resulted in rejections for that cause of about 40 per cent of the registrants. Medical, dental, and hospital services have been readily available all their lives to most of these men, but many have failed to utilize them. Hospitals should be considered fortifications for health preservation, especially those which are properly staffed and equipped to meet the standards for approval and their diagnostic and therapeutic services should be used to discover and arrest disease in its earliest stages, before impairment of vital functioning has occurred."

Dr. Malcolm T. MacEachern, Associate Director of the American College of Surgeons and in charge of hospital activities, added that more than 10,000,000 patients were admitted to hospitals in the U. S. and Canada during the past year, yet the revelation that hundreds of people are still neglecting treatment of easily remediable defects. "The approved hospital in your community, with its excellent facilities and its efficient personnel," he declared, "stands ever ready to assist your physician in rendering to you every possible aid that scientifically applied medicine can afford. The hospital exists to amplify and extend the powers of the physician to combat disease and the effects of injury."

Leslie Hedrick Weds Harbor City Girl in So. Carolina

News has been received of the wedding of Corporal Leslie Giffen Hedrick, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Hedrick of 1614 W. 215th street to Miss Pauline Benson, daughter of Mrs. Pearl Benson of Harbor City. The ceremony took place at Marion, South Carolina, Thursday, October 30. The couple will make their home at Wilmington, North Carolina, where he is stationed at Camp Davis. The bridegroom was a former Torrance high school student while the bride graduated from Narbonne high with the class of Summer 1940 and has since been employed as a telephone operator at Wilmington, Calif.

Christian Science Church Opened



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Surmounting one of the finest corners in the city, the new First Church of Christ Scientist was opened Sunday and was thronged by many local members, friends and visitors from other cities at three services. Located at the corner of Manuel ave. and 218th st. the new edifice is a beautiful addition to the community's church and cultural facilities.

The interior of the Georgian-styled building reflects the gracious lines of the structure. On the wall at either side of the platform are gold-embossed quotations from the Bible and Mary Baker Eddy, while the console of the organ, an outstanding feature of the church appointments is located at the right of the platform.

Organ numbers were played at the opening services by Mrs. Juliette Johnson. Seat-

ing 230, the first meetings attracted capacity crowds, many of whom visited the attractive reading room located at the left of the main entrance. This has a charming side entrance, leading to a display foyer for exhibition of Christian Science publications, from Manuel ave.

Designed by Aubrey St. Clair, Laguna Beach architect, the \$20,000 building has a 34 by 50-foot auditorium, an office for the church librarian adjoining the reading room and rooms for the organist, soloist and readers. It was constructed by Carl L. Hyde, building contractor. The grounds are now being attractively landscaped.

The reading room is open to the public week-days except holidays from 11 a. m. to 4 p. m.

Public Fund Grants Boon to Industry

To prevent extinction of the 45,000 small industries now threatened by inability to secure materials, the Los Angeles County Chamber of Commerce is backing the proposal of Floyd E. Odium, Director, Division of Contract Distribution of OPM. This is a counter proposal of loans or grants of public funds to meet present needs of these firms.

Leonard E. Read, general manager of the Los Angeles Chamber, urged the Odium pro-

posal be adopted in an open letter to Senator Harry S. Truman, chairman of the Special Senate Committee Investigating National Defense.

"As you are so well aware," Read said, "lack of materials threaten with extinction 45,000 small industries which are unable to convert to defense work. This fact has been brought to the attention of your committee by Mr. Odium. He proposed that a small percentage of the necessary materials be set aside

for allocation to firms employing up to 20 employees, or slightly more. "Some of these firms can convert to defense work if given a few months to get equipment, make contracts, and reorganize methods. Allocation of materials now to keep such firms alive can be regarded as justifiable investments in future defense work."

Co. Maintenance Of P. V. Streets Said Satisfactory

Street maintenance work, newest of the services to be provided by the county government for incorporated areas, is working out satisfactorily in the city of Palos Verdes Estates, as far as the county is concerned, according to engineers for the county road department.

The street maintenance and construction service is available to many of the county's smaller cities, and is contracted for on the same basis as health service, library service, building inspection service and civil service functions. So far the City of Palos Verdes Estates, newest of the 45 cities, is the only one to contract for it.

City officials specify what type of street work is desired and how much money is available and county road engineers do the work to the extent of the funds. Resurfacing and construction of curbs has been done on several streets.

Cost Is Actual O. F. Cooley, road commissioner, said the plan probably could be applied to 15 of the smaller cities in the county, and effect savings for the city taxpayers in most cases. The coun-

HOMES SELLING FAST

New homes in Gene Hamilton's Western Village tract off Carson street in the Sfoestring strip adjoining Torrance are selling rapidly. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Leitner recently moved into their new residence purchased at 1318 West 218th st.

ty road department has better equipment than most of the cities in the county, the workmen are better trained for the particular type of work, and can do it efficiently.

Cost is based on the actual cost of materials, labor and supervision, including rental of the equipment. The city of Palos Verdes Estates repays the county out of its share of gasoline tax funds. Materials can be purchased cheaper by the county in most instances, because the county buys in larger quantities.

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